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Conference Keynoter: National Speaker Dick Durrance



In his keynote presentation at conference, *Sparkling Ideas: Eight Keys to Big Ideas*, Dick Durrance will inspire you to think like an entrepreneur, creating ideas that will transform your dreams for your organization into new procedures, unexpected options and specific action plans.

Dick Durrance A staff photographer at *National Geographic* in his twenties, Magazine Photographer of the Year in his thirties, and Advertising Photographer of the Year in his forties, Mr. Durrance will reveal his secret to igniting the ideas you need to create a vision for your tomorrow – regardless of who you are.

What about you? Are you seeing what is? Are you imagining what can be? Are you sparking the fresh ideas you need?

Mr. Durrance will share with us dazzling pictures and remarkable stories from photographing *National Geographic* assignments, global advertising campaigns, National Parks, and the world's great golf courses. You will take away from his presentation the secrets to sparking ideas and transforming your ideas from dreams into accomplishments.

You will learn how important ideas are in each and every one of our lives: our ideas for ourselves and our families, our ideas for our companies and our communities. All of our ideas are like sparks of lightening, flashing back and forth between our reality today and our dreams for tomorrow.

According to Durrance, fresh ideas are the lifeblood for leadership at any enterprise. What about you? Are you seeing what is? Are you imagining what can be? Are you sparking the fresh ideas you need? Find out...by joining Mr. Durrance on an incredible journey October 28th in Pasco.

Legal Committee to Meet at Conference

The WFCA Legal Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Pasco Red Lion Hotel.

This is a great opportunity to listen to and discuss legal issues affecting fire districts throughout the state of Washington.

Since the first meeting in 2007, attendance by attorneys and WFCA members has increased each year.

The WFCA appreciates the cooperation and hard work of all of the fire district attorneys who attend this important event. As a result of these annual meetings, many issues have been resolved, either through negotiation or passage of legislation. Please plan to attend!

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A Message from the President *by Bob Skaggs*



It seems like time is just flying by these days, as we find ourselves at the end of the summer months and in the middle of the wildland fire season.

I know you don't need to be reminded of how dangerous wildland fires can be for your citizens and firefighters; please watch out for each other and be safe.

Having said that I would like to make you aware of a new program that has been in the works for over four years now—that program is the new air support unit for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue (FD6).

This is the first helicopter that I am aware of that is used, flown and supported by a County Fire District for rescue

and wildland fires.

The helicopter, a 1986 MD 500E, is a \$1.2 million asset donated by Karel Peltram, who is

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also one of the pilots; the other pilot is Firefighter Ed Hrivnak of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. Peltram felt that donating the helicopter was a way to give back to the community.

What a feel good story this is in a time when we seem to hear nothing but bad news stories. This aircraft, its crew and the

command officers of Central Pierce are now conducting training on how to use this equipment as an aerial command platform to manage local wildland fires and rescues in Pierce County.

For now, this air support unit will only be operating within Pierce County and it is hoped that in the future this aircraft will be available outside of Pierce County.

With regard to residential fire sprinklers, we are gaining some ground in the adoption of the IRC requirements in a number of local cities and towns around the state, in spite of the lack of support from some jurisdictions.

I think that as we continue to seek adoption of these very im-
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2010 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee (Chair Joe Dawson, Spokane Valley Fire Department, Bill Jarmon, Pierce 5, Mick McKinley, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, Robert Neu, Newman Lake Fire & Rescue, Court Rylaarsdam, Grant 3 and Tom Smith, Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue) met August 17 and nominated the following individuals to the 2011 WFCA Board of Directors:

President: **Robert Skaggs**, Graham Fire & Rescue

Vice President: **Sharon Colby**, Spokane 3

Secretary-Treasurer: **Miland Walling**, Klickitat 2

Region 2 Director: **Brad Langdell**, Walla Walla 5

Region 4 Director: **Les Riel**, Yakima 4

Region 6 Director: **Jim Farrell**, Mountain View Fire and Rescue

Region 8 Director: **Keith Merritt**, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue

It is suggested each nominee be allowed a maximum of three supportive speeches with a maximum total time of six minutes. The membership has the authority to allow whatever time it deems appropriate. Nominations will be accepted on the floor at conference.

ON THE WEB

Health Care Workshops have been set for districts that participate in the WFCA's self-funded medical and dental program. Log onto www.wfca.wa.gov (select *General Information* from the drop-down menu on the *Health Care* tab) to view information and download the registration form.



62nd Annual Conference

The Washington Fire Commissioners Association's 62nd Annual Conference will be held at the Pasco Red Lion Hotel beginning Thursday, October 28, 2010; conference will conclude on Saturday afternoon, October 30, at 12:00 noon.

The following is important information concerning conference. For a complete schedule of events and registration form, please refer to the brochure that was mailed to all members, visit www.wfca.wa.gov, or call the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH (Pre-Conference)

Please note all events will be at the Pasco Red Lion.

- The WFCA Board of Directors will hold its final meeting of 2010 beginning at 9 a.m. WFCA members are welcome to attend.
- The Legal Committee Meeting will commence at 1:30 p.m. All interested WFCA members are welcome to attend.
- The Tri-County Fire Commissioners Association, Tri-County Fire Chiefs Association and Hughes Fire Equipment will host a **Welcome to Conference Reception** from 4-10 p.m. in Suite 1314. Stop by for some good food and beverages and visit with new and old friends.
- The Snure Seminar will commence at 6:30 p.m. A separate registration form will be mailed for this workshop.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

- A **Welcome to Conference Breakfast**, sponsored by WFCA Associate Members Emergency Services Insurance Program (ESIP) and Rice Fergus Miller Architects, will begin at 8 a.m. Be sure to stop by for good food and good conversation!
- The opening ceremonies will kick off at 10 a.m. Plan to stay for the keynoter, Dick Durrance, former National Geographic photographer, who will take you on a 1-hour photographic journey to the remote corners of the globe.
- Lunch (12:00 noon) will feature a "Western Theme" so be sure to dress up like your favorite Westerner—you could win a prize!
- A 3-hour class entitled, **Life Saving Residential Fire Sprinklers—What You Need to Know**, will begin at 1:30 p.m. This program, presented by Don Pamplin, Pacific Northwest Regional Manager for

the National Fire Sprinkler Association, will offer a comprehensive look at residential fire sprinkler systems.

- Free evening (Suppliers' Hospitality Rooms will open at 5 p.m.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

- At 9 a.m. the Business Meeting will continue with reports and elections. NOTE: There will be two, rather than three calls from the floor to nominate commissioners for Board positions and elections will take place from 9:30-10 a.m.
- At 1:00 p.m., a 3-hour class on **Implementing Impact Fees: How to Use the Newly Passed Law to Address Your Fire District's Growing Needs**, presented by Attorney Jon Sitkin (Chmelik Sitkin & Davis), will be held during which you will be given information on adopting and implementing impact fees to meet your district's growing needs.
- Also beginning at 1:00 p.m., a **Personnel Litigation and Headaches: "Stop the Madness!"** program will be held. This 1-1/2 hour class, presented by employment law expert Michael McCall, will discuss current trends and offer advice to mitigate your district's exposure to personnel-driven lawsuits.
- Beginning at 2:45 p.m. an **Open Public Records & Meetings** workshop will provide your district with important information you need in order to comply with the Open Public Records and Meetings Act. Representatives from the Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington will present this class.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

- The WFCA Board Installation Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. A buffet will be served during which the 2011 Board will be sworn in.
- Beginning at 9 a.m. a 3-hour general session will be held to conclude conference. **Motivation from the Heart—Making the Impossible Possible**, will feature retired Special Forces Green Beret officer Mark Johnson, who will teach you the tools to motivate your employees and design a blueprint for success. Don't miss this inspiring finale to the 2010 conference!

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portant fire and life safety codes around the state, others will begin to see the benefits that we all know are worthwhile fighting for, which is saving the lives of our citizens.

Soon it will be time for our annual conference at the Pasco Red Lion (Oct. 28-30). The registration brochure outlining the class schedule, business meetings and other events, has been mailed to all of you and is posted online at www.wfca.wa.gov. I know we are all facing budget problems at one level or another, but it is so imperative that we try to attend our annual business meeting and training sessions.

Conference time is our opportunity to set the direction of our association for the next year and to increase our knowledge and education as elected fire commissioners. I know that as long as we continue to educate ourselves, we will become better fire commissioners and citizen advocates for fire safety.

There is still more work to be done. As you know we need to work on unfunded mandates, no man's land issues, fire service training, new 305 standards...and the list goes on. So in the weeks and months ahead we will continue to work on these issues.

In closing, I would like to see

other stories from around the state, like the one about Central Pierce, in the *Fireline*. Be sure to send information to the association office so that we can share your stories with others around our great state. I am so impressed by your accomplishments and service to your citizens and I am so honored to have been your President for the past year.

Remember that we are an open and transparent association and we encourage comments and suggestions as well as your attendance at all of our meetings. Until next time, be safe out there and look out for each other.

Ads

FOR SALE by North Whidbey Fire and Rescue: 1991 Ford 350 Ambulance, approx. 72,000 mi, Dies, AT, auto chains, 6 channel Maxtrac mobile radio. \$6,000. Sale "As Is, Where Is" w/no warr expressed/implied. All sales limited to bonafide agencies w/I US. Inspect vehicles @ 2720 Heller Rd., Oak Harbor, WA. For more info contact Chief Marv Koorn, 360.675.1131, Fax 360.675.0762 or email chief@nwfr.org.

FOR SALE by King 27: '89 Ford F-350XL Road Rescue Ambulance. w/7.3L Turbo Diesel & only 22,650 mi. The module is 141". Chassis is 84" CA. Unit is in exc cond. Priced for immediate sale at \$5,000 OBO. Contact Chief Chris J. Connor, cconnor@king27fire.com, or 425.222.5841.

FOR SALE by Pierce 6: 6 - Used Bogen GS150 PA Amplifiers \$75.00 ea O.B.O.; 3 - New In Box Bogen GS150 PA Amplifiers \$150.00 ea O.B.O.; Several other brands & models of PA Amplifiers as well. Various prices O.B.O.; 1 - 1973 Kaiser 2 1/2 Ton Military truck. \$3,500 O.B.O.; 1 - Military twin 5-KW Gen Set Trailer \$1,500 O.B.O.; 7 - Paramount Leg Lifting Machines less weights. \$250 ea; 13- Zoll M series AED

Biphasic Defibrillators \$500.00 ea O.B.O. All items sold "As Is, Where Is" w/no warr expressed/implied. All sales limited to bonafide agencies w/i the US. Inspect vehicles @ 17210 110th Ave East, Puyallup, WA 98374. For more info contact Asst Chief William Thomas, 253.538.6400, Fax 253.537.7294 or email wthomas@centralpiercefire.org.

FOR SALE by Snohomish 22: Surplus 1981 Crown Fire Engine, 500 gal water tank, pump is 1500 GPM that has failed pump test (pump will pump but unknown amount), hydraulic ladder rack. Items included on fire engine: Code 3 ba lights, tomar LED's, Whelen electric siren, 911 Jump seats, two booster lines, ground monitor, hose bed cover. Engine is a 6 cylinder Cummins motor that runs good but smokes. Sealed bids must be rec no later than 9/20/10, 9 am at the district's HQ fire station 8424 99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223. Outside of envelope must be clearly marked "1981 CROWN FIRE ENGINE BID". Dist reserves the right to refuse any/all bids. Sale AS IS w/NO Warr Expressed/Implied. Questions? Contact Chief Travis

Hots at chiefhots@getchellfire.com or 360.659.6400.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT by S. Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue: District is currently recruiting qualified applicants for the position of Fire Chief. Diamond Lake is located in a beautiful area approx 35 miles north of Spokane, WA and 15 minutes from the Idaho border. Multiple rural communities make up south Pend Oreille with many lakes, hunting, fishing, skiing, cycling, hiking, and many other recreational activities. Please log onto spofr.org to view job details, info and to download an application. Closing date is September 9, 2010 at 4 p.m.

DONATION TO FIRE DIST/DEPT by Stevens 12: '72 American LaFrance structure engine w/dies eng, 1000 gal tank w/1000gpm pump. 1 30' alum ladder & 1 hose reel w/1" hose. Some old hose, 1 1/2", 2 1/2" & 3". Truck has been sitting for over 3 yrs w/o use & has been drained during that time. Batteries are dead. Truck will be donated at no cost to any deserving fire dist or dept. Truck is located at Rice, WA, 15 mi south of Kettle Falls. Contact Dan Lester 509.738.2738 for details.

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- **Multi-Year Commissioner Service Awards.** The WFCA offers a recognition program at conference acknowledging 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of commissioner service. To qualify for these awards, an individual must be from a member fire district and service must be as a fire commissioner (no other positions of service on behalf of the district apply to this award). If you have completed 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of service, please contact the WFCA office for an application.

- **Memorial Service.** The Host Committee is planning a PowerPoint tribute in memory of those who have passed away during the year. Please contact the WFCA office if you know of a commissioner, secretary or chief who has passed away so that they may be included in the memorial. We are seeking photos and biographies—any information is helpful and will be greatly appreciated.
- **Guest Room Reservations.** The Red Lion Hotel room block is nearly full; however, there are still plenty of rooms available at the Best Western Inn & Suites

(a very nice facility just a 5-minute walk from the Red Lion). To make reservations, call the Red Lion at 1.800.325.4000 or the Best Western 509.543.7722; be sure to mention you are with the WFCA in order to receive the special group rate.

- **Registration Grant Program.** The WFCA offers a registration grant program to fire districts with assessed values of \$50 million or less. If your district qualifies, please contact the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322 or email wfca@wfca.wa.gov.

Auxiliary Silent Auction & Raffle Will Continue; Tour Suspended

By Lois Hensley, Silent Auction Chairman

It has been decided that the Auxiliary will not have a tour this year. Last year we needed 25 people to sign up for the tour and we only had 12.

The Silent Auction board members put money out of their own pockets to help cover the cost of the tour. We also had to use \$300 that would have gone to Harborview Burn Center.

We have always said that if the tour could not pay for itself, then it would be discontinued.

We will, however, still have a Silent Auction & Raffle and we

ask that you come join us. Last year we were able to send Harborview Burn Center \$5,000 which was raised by the kind donations we received. We would like to take this time to thank you for all your help.

As we turn our attention to the 2010 annual conference in Pasco, we would like to appeal to friends and members of the WFCA for contributions. We rely on the generosity of those of you who so kindly donate items to keep the auction and raffle going.

Your generous donations

may be left in the Silent Auction and Raffle Room at the Red Lion Hotel/Pasco (2525 N. 20th Ave., Pasco) on October 27 (Wednesday evening) and/or October 28 (Thursday morning). Please be sure to identify yourself or your district on your donation. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please keep in mind that we cannot accept any perishable items and only cash and checks will be accepted for payment of auction items.

Once again, thank you and see you at conference!



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